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A LIST OF CHURCHES

AT WHICH THE

MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY ARE ENGAGED,

And the Nights they meet for Practice.

TWELVE BELLS.

St. Saviour's, Southwark, Meetings in abeyance through proposed restoration of bells.

St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, Meetings in abeyance through proposed restoration of bells.

St. Paul's Cathedral, Tuesday, January 7th, 1902, and every four weeks.

St. Michael's, Cornhill, Tuesday, January 21st, 1902, and every four weeks.

St. Giles', Cripplegate, Tuesday, January 28th, 1902, and every four weeks.

These are the Official Meetings of the Company.

Members of the Company also meet at the following Churches.

TEN BELLS.

St. Magnus the Martyr, Thames Street, Thursday, January 16th, 1902, and every fortnight.

All-hallows, Lombard Street, occasionally.

St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, on Tuesdays for practice, and on Sundays for services.

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St. Luke's, Chelsea, on Wednesdays for practice, and on Sundays for services.

St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays for practice, and on Sundays for services.

St. Dunstan's, Stepney, Monday, January 13th, 1902, and every fortnight.

EIGHT BELLS.

St. Paul's, Shadwell, occasionally.

St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, meetings in abeyance until bells are restored.

St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, every Sunday morning.

St. John, Wilton Road, Pimlico, on Thursdays for practice, and on Sundays for services.

St. John-at-Hackney, on the first and third Tuesday in the month.

St. Matthews, Upper Clapton, Thursday, January 9th, 1902, and every fortnight.

St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, Tuesday, January 14th, 1902, and every fortnight.

St. Mary's, Stratford, Bow, Monday, January 6th, 1902, and every fortnight.

Christchurch, Spitalfields, Wednesday, January 8th, 1902, and every fortnight.

St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square, Pimlico, Sunday evenings occasionally for service.

St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster, on Friday evenings for practice, and on Sundays for services.

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AN HISTORICAL ACCOUNT
OF THE RISE AND PROGRESS
OF THE
Ancient Society of College Youths,
LONDON,

Compiled from the Company's Records.

THIS Society was founded November 5th, 1637, in the reign of Charles I; its name is derived from the first members, Lord Brereton, Sir Cliff Clifton, knt., &c., meeting at St. Martin's, College Hill, Upper Thames Street, to practise ringing. The Church and its peal of six bells were destroyed in the great fire of London, 1666. For some time only rounds and call changes were rung, but at length, about 1642, 120 Bob Doubles were achieved. Slow progress was made till 1677, when Mr. Fabian Stedman, a native of Cambridge and a Printer by profession, and who may be called the father of Change Ringing, published his "Campanalogia," dedicating it to this Society, of which he was a member. About this time, Stedman's method was first rung at St. Benet's, Cambridge, by the College Youths, who paid a visit to that town. Two other members are equally deserving of mention, Mr. Benjamin Annable and Mr. John Holt; to the former the merit is due of throwing Caters and Cinques into the Tittum Position, and composing the first peal of Grandsire Triples. Judging from an old note book of Annable's, it is evident he thought the peal could be produced with Bobs only, hence he called his method "Gog Magog," it contains 194 Bobs and 46 Singles; to Mr. Holt the credit is due of producing the greatest number of changes with Bobs only, now universally known as Holt's original. The first great performance that we have any account of was at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on the six large bells, November 18th, 1684, when the College Youths rang three 720's, being the first time so many changes were rung without "stopping," the methods were Oxford Treble Bob, College Single and Oxford Single, amounting to 2,160 changes. The first account we have of Grandsire Triples

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was in 1684, at St. Sepulchre, Snow Hill, when some touches were rung. Soon after this the company began to ring Grandsire Caters, but the London Scholars rang the first peal at St. Bride's, Fleet Street (5,040) January 11th, 1716–17; in 1718 two bells were added to make twelve, the joint gift of the College Youths and LondonScholars. Since the 19th January, 1724, at which time it became the practice to record peals of 5,000 changes and upwards, to the 8th of March, 1902, members have accomplished in various towers in the United Kingdom, placed at their disposal, 1,806 peals consisting of the following :—

MINOR.

Eight 5,040's in seven 720's.
Seven 5,040's in seven Treble Bob Methods.
One 5,040's in fourteen " " "

TRIPLES.

444 Grandsire, 300 Stedman, 1 St. Dunstan's, 6 Union, 1 College, 11 Plain Bob, 1 Simons, 2 Double, 6 Oxford Bob.

MAJOR.

92 Plain Bob, 1 St. George, 6 Double Bob, 2 Reverse Bob, 11 Union Bob, 1 Court Bob, 1 College Bob, 7 Grandsire, 113 Oxford Treble Bob, 171 Kent Treble Bob, 46 Double Norwich Court Bob, 1 College Exercise, 2 Morning Exercise, 1 Duffield, 3 Westminster Surprise, 1 St. Stephen's Surprise, 36 Superlative Surprise, 16 Cambridge Surprise, 22 London Surprise.

CATERS.

127 Grandsire, 118 Stedman, 2 Double, 1 Reverse.

ROYAL.

1 Grandsire, 6 Plain Bob, 1 Double Bob, 2 Reverse Bob, 39 Oxford Treble Bob, 57 Kent Treble Bob, 4 Double Norwich Court Bob.

CINQUES.

23 Grandsire, 1 Double, 50 Stedman.

MAXIMUS.

5 Plain Bob, 1 Double Bob, 2 Real Double Bob, 1 Reverse Bob, 11 Oxford Treble Bob, 31 Kent Treble Bob, 2 Double Norwich Court Bob.

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Among the foregoing the following are noteworthy—On the 19th of January, 1724–25, the Society rang the first peal of Grandsire Cinques (5,060), and on the 26th of February, 1725, the first peal of Plain Bob Maximus (5,288 changes), in four hours and four minutes. On the 18th of May, 1728 (10,800) Bob Major at St. Mary Magdalen, Bermondsey; on the 14th February, 1731 (7,018) Grandsire Cinques, at St. Michael's, Cornhill; on the 15th December, 1735 (8,008) Grandsire Cinques, at St. Saviour's, Southwark; on the 17th October, 1762 (10,188) Grandsire Caters, at West Ham, Essex; on 7th February, 1777 (10,000) Treble Bob Royal, and in May following the same band extended the performance to 11,080 changes in eight hours and two minutes; both were rung at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. On the 10th March, 1784 (7,008) Kent Treble Bob Maximus, at St. Saviour's, Southwark; on the 26th March, same year (6,048) Real Double Bob Maximus at the same church, and on the 28th May, 1787, they rang the first peal of (5,076) Stedman Caters, at St. John's, Horselydown. On the 6th October, 1788, they rang the first peal of Stedman Cinques (6,204 changes), at St. Martin's in the Fields. On the 25th September, 1845 (6,701) Stedman Caters, at St. James's, Bermondsey. On the 11th October, 1849, 5,600 changes of London Surprise Major at St. Mary's, Woolwich, previous to which there had been only one peal rung in the method, viz., 5,280 at Norwich. On the 31st January, 1851, Holt's Ten-Part peal of Grandsire Triples, non-conducted, at Christ Church, Spitalfields; and on the 6th of January, the same year (7,524) Stedman Cinques, at St. Giles's, Cripplegate. On the 27th April, 1861 (8,580) Stedman Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill; on the 27th April, 1868 (15,840) Kent Treble Bob Major, at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, and on the 19th March, 1870 (8,448) of the same method at Christ Church, Spitalfields.

On the 27th July, 1872, Holt's Original One-Part peal of Grandsire Triples at Waterford Cathedral. On the 10th December, 1881 (5,014) Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral. On the 4th August, 1883, a Centenary peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Andrew's, Sonning, Berks. On the 8th December, 1883, they rang (11,111) Stedman Caters, at All Saints, Fulham (the then longest peal in the method). On the 23rd October, 1884, Holt's original One-Part peal of Grandsire Triples, non-conducted, at St. Giles's in the Fields, Bloomsbury. On the 2nd October, 1885, at St. Peter's,

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Drayton (5,120) Superlative Surprise Major. On the 26th December, 1885 (8,064) Double Norwich Court Bob Major, at St. Margaret's, Leiston, Suffolk (the then longest peal in the method). On the 1st September, 1886 (5,003) Grandsire Caters at Edinburgh, being the first peal of Caters performed in Scotland. On the 1st March, 1887 (5,056) Cambridge Surprise Major at Appleton. On the 28th January, 1888 (10,080) Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Appleton. On the 4th February, 1888 (5,005) Stedman Caters at Lichfield Cathedral, the first peal on the bells. On the 5th March, 1888 (12,041) Stedman Caters at Appleton. On the 2nd April, 1888 (5,009) Stedman Caters at Canterbury Cathedral, the first peal on the bells. On the 11th April, 1888 (13,265) Grandsire Caters at Appleton. On the 4th July, 1888 (5,184) Kent Treble Bob Major and Thurstan's Peal of Stedman Triples at Peel, Isle of Man, being the first in the methods performed in the Island. On the 31st December, 1888 (15,041) Stedman Caters at Appleton.

The above four long peals at Appleton, Berks, were the longest lengths in these methods up to the dates of performance.

On the 27th April, 1889 (8,896) Kent Treble Bob Major at St. Stephen's, Westminster. On the 8th February, 1890 (8,896) Kent Treble Bob Major at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green. On the 7th April, 1890 (5,004) Stedman Cinques, at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, being the first peal rung on the twelve bells. On the 26th May, 1890, Holt's Ten-Part peal of Grandsire Triples at Peel, Isle of Man, the first in the method performed in the Island. On the 7th February, 1891 (5,019) Stedman Cinques at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, being performed by a London band of Bachelors and conducted from the Tenor. On the 10th September, 1891, Thurstan's Peal of Stedman Triples at Llandaff Cathedral, being the first achieved in the Principality. On the 5th December, 1891, Tebb's peal of Stedman Triples at Christ Church, Southgate. On the 19th November, 1892 (5,056) Superlative Surprise Major at Sheffield. On the 1st December, 1892 (5,000) Kent Treble Bob Royal, at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill. On the 28th October, 1893 (5,152) Superlative Surprise Major at St. John's, Waterloo Road, being the first peal in the method rung in London since 1849. On the 18th January, 1896 (5,000) Duffield Major at St. Stephen's, Westminster, being the first peal in the method

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rung in London. On the 17th October, 1896 (5,088) Superlative Surprise at St. Stephen's, Westminster, rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Archbishop of Canterbury, who was president of this Society. On the 28th November, 1896 (5,016) Double Norwich Maximus at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich. On the 28th November, 1896 (5,088) Kent Treble Bob Maximus at St. Paul's Cathedral, being the first time that Tenor was rung single-handed to a peal. On the 22nd October, 1898 (5,088) Superlative Surprise at All Hallows-Barking, Great Tower Street, being the first peal of a Surprise Method rung in the City of London. On the 24th February, 1900 (5,024) St. Stephen's Surprise at St. Stephen's, Westminster, being the first peal ever rung in this method. On the 28th April, 1900 (5,040) Double Norwich Royal at St. Clement Dane's, Strand, rung with bells muffled in memory of the late John M. Hayes. On the 5th January, 1901 (5,088) London Surprise, non-conducted, at St. Stephen's Westminster. On the 18th May, 1901 (5,056) Cambridge Surprise, non-conducted, at St. Stephen's, Westminster. On the 31st October, 1901, Thurstan's One-Part peal of Stedman Triples, non-conducted, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark.

Also the following 89 peals upon hand bells retained in hand :—

1 Minor of seven 720s, 1 Bob Triples, 43 Grandsire Triples, 7 Grandsire Caters, 7 Plain Bob Major, 1 Plain Bob Royal, 6 Kent Treble Bob Major, 2 Kent Treble Bob Royal, 13 Stedman Triples, 5 Stedman Caters, 1 Stedman Cinques, 2 Superlative Surprise Major.

Noticeable among these performances are three non-conducted peals, Holt's Original One-Part, March 11th, 1887, Holt's Ten-Part on April 20th, 1887, and Thurstan's One-Part peal of Stedman Triples on December 7th, 1901.

On the 17th May, 1892, Thurstan's One-Part peal of Stedman Triples was rung for the first time upon hand bells. On the 26th April, 1899 (8,896) Kent Treble Bob Major. On the 26th June, 1901 (5,056) Superlative Surprise Major, being the first Surprise peal ever rung upon hand bells.

The Society has on its time-honoured roll of members many names of eminence, amongst whom may be cited Sir Richard Everard, Sir Henry Tulse, Brian Eldridge (bell founder), Sir John Bollis, Bart., Sir W. Culpeper, the Hon. R. Cecil, Hon. C. Cecil, Hon. G. Cecil Slingsby Bethel (afterwards

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Alderman of the City and Lord Mayor), Abraham Rudhall (bell founder). Sir Watkin William Wynne, Sir Henry Hicks, John Patrick (bell founder), John Hardham, a celebrated ringer (and an extensive tobacconist in Fleet Street, the inventor of the snuff still called "Hardham's 37"), Francis Geary (afterwards Admiral, who rang in the first peal of Bob Maximus), Sir Watkins Lewis, Knt., Alderman and Lord Mayor (he represented the City in Parliament), Samuel Birch, Esq. (Lord Mayor in 1815), John Powell Powell, Esq. (of Quex Park, Isle of Thanet, who erected in his park a tower in which he placed a peal of twelve bells, W. Monsell, Esq. (Recorder of Stamford), Mr. R. Mills (who presented some members with silver medals for a peal of Treble Bob), C. A. W. Troyte, Esq. (of Huntsham Court, North Devon), J. E. Troyte, Esq., Rev. Canon Cattley (of Worcester), Sir Bartle Frere, K.C.B., G.C.S.I., &c., Messrs. Thomas, Charles, and George Mears (bell founders), Robert Stainbank, Esq. and Alfred Silva Lawson, Esq. (bell founders), Messrs. John and William Taylor, sen. and junr. (bell founders), Sir John Stainer (late organist at St. Paul's Cathedral), Sir Arthur P. Heywood, Bart., J. A. K. Rees, Esq. (Bengal Civil Service), the Ven. William Sinclair, D.D., Archdeacon of London, the Rev. Henry E. Nolloth, D.D., Vicar of Beverley Minster, the Rev. Henry Wace, D.D., Rector of St. Michael's, Cornhill, Dr. Nichols, of Boston, U.S.A., Miss Rosa Macalpine-Leny, of Speldhurst, Kent, and Miss Margaret H. Nichols, of Boston, U.S.A.

A vast amount of learned research has been expended upon the history of bells and practice of change-ringing by archæologists and antiquarians. It was once a pastime with grave and learned men. Sir Symonds D'Ewes, who was lord of the manor of Lavenham, in Suffolk, was fond of bell-ringing, as was Sir Matthew Hale, Lord Chief Justice of Common Pleas; Dean Aldrige; S. Whitbread and his Son; Samuel Blackwell, Esq., of Gloucestershire, and formerly M.P. for Cirencester, were great patrons of the art, as were many other gentlemen during the last century.

The Company, for many years during the 18th century, held their meetings at the Paul's Head, Cateaton Street (now Gresham Street), City. On the day of the Anniversary (Nov. 5) the members walked in procession to Bow Church, Cheapside, to attend Divine Service, preceded by their Beadle, carrying a staff surmounted by a small silver bell, suspended

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in a frame of embossed silver and bearing the motto, "INTACTUM SILEO PERCUTE-DULCE CANO, 5TH NOVEMBER, 1762," round the crown. Mr. G. S. Shury has since given a mahogany stand to place it on. The members returned in the same order to dine, being often honoured with the company of the Aldermen and other civic authorities; at the same time there was a branch existing at Hertford, the members of which dined annually in the Town Hall, the chair being usually taken by the Marquis of Salisbury, who was supported by Lord Dacre and many of the gentry of the County.

In 1787 the Company visited the City of York, when they rang a peal of Grandsire Caters at the Minster; they were received and entertained with marked distinction by the Archbishop of York; this, and a peal of Treble Bob at Halifax, rung two days previously, are recorded as the first peals in Yorkshire.

C. A. W. Troyte, Esq., of Huntsham Court, North Devon, has most liberally presented the Society with a manuscript Peal Book, which constitutes Vol. III., and his brother, J. E. Troyte, Esq., an Album in which the Photographs of the Members are inserted; this has been enclosed in a mahogany case given by Mr. R. Hopkins.

Through the munificence of Mr. W. Middleton, of Gravesend, a massive Tablet has been erected in St. Michael's, Cornhill, to commemorate the THEN longest peal of Stedman Cinques (8,580 changes).

The Rev. R. Cattley, Canon of Worcester Cathedral, has kindly given a second book for the insertion of the names of members.

Mr. J. R. Haworth has also kindly presented the Society with a Silver Cup to commemorate the centenary peal at St. Andrew's, Sonning, Berks, on 4th August, 1883.

F. A. K. Rees, Esq. (of the Bengal Civil Service), contributed handsomely towards the new safe, and a smaller safe has also been kindly presented by Mr. Bullett through Mr. Muskett.

A very handsome Peal Book (Vol. IV.) has also been kindly given by Sir Arthur P. Heywood, Bart., of Duffield, Derbyshire.

In 1901, a similar handsome Peal Book (Vol. V.) was presented by Dr. Nichols, of Boston, U.S.A.

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A new Album has been presented by Mr. R. W. Evans, of Wrexham, North Wales, and Mr. F. E. Dawe, of London, has also given a Mahogany Case, to hold it in, together with a Brass Inkstand, in the form of an old ornamental Italian Bell.

A set of thirteen Handbells has been presented to the Society by Alfred S. Lawson, Esq., through Mr. A. Hughes.

A peal of twelve Cup Bells were left to the Society by Mr. E. Watts, late Steeple Keeper and Sexton of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside.

Mr. F. M. Butler has presented the Society with a Letter Book.

A Marble Tablet in memory of the late Mr. John M. Hayes has been erected, anonymously, through the Master, Mr. E. P. O'Meara, in the belfry of St. Paul's Cathedral.

Through the kindness of C. A. W. Troyte, Esq., ten members were invited to Exeter on the occasion of the meeting of the British Association in August, 1869, for the purpose of ringing on the grand peal of ten (tenor 63 cwt.) at the Cathedral, but it was found impossible, owing to the unsatisfactory condition of the gudgeons and bearings of the larger bells, to ring scientific changes upon them. At St. Sidwell's (a peal of eight), and at St. John's (a peal of six), the ringing gave great satisfaction. They also rang on the peal of eight at Tiverton, and on the six at Clyst St. George, near Topsham, and were hospitably received by the Rector, the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe.

The head quarters of the Society were held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields for about sixty years. In 1849 they were removed to St. Saviour's, Southwark, and again, in 1892, to St. Paul's Cathedral.

This epitome would not be complete without special reference to the valuable assistance rendered by the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, M.A., of Clyst St. George, South Devon, in connection with the Society.

Some years ago a gentleman named Osborne, on leaving the Society, deposited a manuscript history in the British Museum, in which he tries to make out that the Company became extinct once or twice since its formation. The documents of the Society prove the contrary, and that its continuity is a matter beyond doubt.

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The Company have had the honour of being professionally engaged in various places, amongst which may be named the following:—

ENGLAND.

BEDS.—Arlesley; St. Peter's Priory, Dunstable.

BERKS.—Wokingham; St. Mary, Reading.

BUCKS.—Denham; High Wycombe.

CAMBRIDGE.—St. Mary, Cambridge.

CUMBERLAND.—Carlisle; a ring of eight, given by the benevolent Baroness Burdett Coutts.

DEVON.—St. Andrew's, Plymouth; when two trebles were added.

DORSET.—Kingston (Corfe Castle); Sherborne Abbey.

ESSEX.—Great Ilford; Loughton; Widford; Leigh; Little Heath; St. Mary's, Sales; St. Saviour's, Walthamstow; St. Mary's, Chelmsford; Writtle and Orsett.

GLOUCESTER.—St. John's, Cirencester.

HANTS.—Privett; Bournemouth; Romsey Abbey; and St. Mary, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight.

HERTS.—St. Albans Abbey, when re-hung; St. Peter's, St. Alban's; Barnet; Flamstead; St. Peter's, Braughing; Watford, Tring; Rickmansworth; St. Etheldreda, Hatfield; and St. Thomas a'Becket, Northaw.

KENT.—Hythe, when increased to ten; St. John's, Deptford; St. Alphege, Greenwich; St. Mary, Dover; St. Mary, Lewisham; St. Helen's, Cliff at Hoo; Sevenoaks; Aylesford, when a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung; Brastead; Staplehurst; and Canterbury Cathedral.

MIDDLESEX.—St. Michael and All Angels, Paddington; St. Matthew, Bethnal Green; St. Ann's, Stamford Hill; St. Stephen's, Hampstead; St. John's, Wilton Road, Hillingdon; Bedfont; Hadley; St. Matthew, Upper Clapton; St. Stephen, Rochester Row, erected and endowed at the expense of the Baroness Burdett Coutts; St. John, Hackney; St. Mary the Virgin, Twickenham;

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St. Botolph, Aldgate; St. Mary's, Ealing; St. Margaret's, Westminster; Isleworth; St. Luke, Chelsea; St. Botolph, Bishopsgate; St. Paul's, Hounslow; St. Martin's, Ruislip; St. Mary Magdalen, Enfield; St. Dunstan's, Stepney; All Saints, Fulham; St. Paul's Cathedral; Imperial Institute, May 17th, 1893, at the reception held by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; St. Augustine, Kilburn; and St. Nicholas, Chiswick.

NORFOLK.—St. Andrew, Northwold.

OXFORDSHIRE.—Shiplake.

SHROPSHIRE.—St. Chad, Shrewsbury.

SOMERSET.—St. Mary, Taunton, when increased to ten.

SUFFOLK.—St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, when augmented to twelve.

SURREY.—St. James', Weybridge, when a peal of 5,040 Stedman Triples were rung on the first day, and a peal of 5,120 Treble Bob on the second; St. Barnabas, Dorking; St. Saviour's, Southwark; St. John's, Croydon; Mitcham; Epsom; St. John's, Horselydown; Reigate; Leatherhead; Bletchingly; and Penge.

SUSSEX.—Arundel, presented by His Grace the late Duke of Norfolk; Bolney; East Grinstead; Cuckfield; and St. Peter's, Brighton.

WILTS.—Semley.

SCOTLAND.

LEITH.—St. James's.

DUNDEE.—The Old Tower, when a peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples was rung.

INVERNESS.—The Cathedral, when a peal of 5,184 Treble Bob was rung.

IRELAND.

WATERFORD.—Christ Church Cathedral, when a peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples was rung.

WALES.

CARMARTHENSHIRE.—St. Stephen, Llanstephan, when a peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples was rung.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS.

(*Revised January, 1894.*)

I.

THAT this Society (established A.D. 1637) shall be called the "ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS," and consist of an unlimited number of Members, under the direction of a Master, Secretary, Treasurer, two Trustees, and two Stewards (senior and junior).

II.

That the Society shall have a room at the "Coffee Pot," Warwick Lane, St. Paul's, or other place appointed, for the transaction of business, and in which the Society's property shall be deposited, under the care of the landlord. No person or persons (except members) will be allowed to enter the room during the hours of meeting, unless introduced by a member with the consent of the master; and if any business of importance affecting the Society be under discussion all non-members must withdraw if requested by the master.

III.

That the members of this Society shall meet at St. Paul's Cathedral; St. Saviour's, Southwark; St. Michael's, Cornhill; St. Giles', Cripplegate, and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, for the purpose of practising Change Ringing, where the sum of one penny will be collected from each member, exclusive of steepleage, towards defraying the Society's expenses, and all members meeting at the Society's rooms on these periodical occasions must contribute the same when called upon by the steward.

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IV.

That any person wishing to become a member of this Society must be nominated at the fortnightly meeting, to be proposed and seconded by two members on the following meeting night; but should such person reside in the country, provided he be proposed and seconded by letter, or by two members then present, his election may take place the same evening. No person under the age of eighteen years shall be eligible as a candidate for membership of the Society without the previous sanction of his parents or guardians. Entrance fee to be three shillings and sixpence, including certificate of membership and book of rules, and any member requiring a new certificate or rule book must pay sixpence each for same.

V.

That under exceptional circumstances a person may be proposed, seconded and elected in any belfry, previous to attempting a peal; and at a subsequent meeting of the Society, within one month following such attempt, the conductor must hand in the proposition for ratification, together with the entrance fee.

VI.

That any member desirous of bringing forward a question, or making a proposition affecting the Society's interest, must give notice to the meeting a fortnight previous to bringing the same before them; such proposition or question to be entered in the minute book.

VII.

That a book be kept exclusively for the insertion of peals accomplished by the members only; such peals to be written by a professional person, and a copy of this book to be kept by a member, appointed by the Society, at his own residence. That all members,

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London and Provincial, who have not met the Society twenty times in the twelve months previous to ringing any peal, and who have not paid the sum of 1*s.* 8*d.* to the Society's Funds between November 5th and February 28th, must, if such peal is to be recorded, pay sixpence towards booking the same. A member taking part in a hand-bell peal, not having met the required number of times will be charged one shilling. No peal rung on hand-bells will be booked unless umpired. Every peal above the number of four, rung by a NEW member during his FIRST twelve months of membership, shall be booked free, together with his first peal. It shall be the duty of the conductor of a peal to collect all sixpences so due and forward the same, with a detailed account of the peal, to the secretary previous to the time of the half yearly booking, viz., June 30th and December 31st, and in default such peals will not be inserted. A book shall also be kept in which the names of all duly elected members must be written by the same professional person aforesaid.

VIII.

That the property and hand bells shall be for the free and proper use of members and friends at reasonable times during the meeting. Any person who may wilfully or negligently damage any of the Society's property will be answerable for such damage.

IX.

That any member who, in the opinion of the Society, so misconducts himself, either in or out of the Society's places of meeting, as to bring disgrace upon the Society, or injures, or attempts to injure the Society in any form or measure whatever, shall be requested by a written notice from the Secretary to attend and

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answer any charge which may be brought against him, when the Society shall deal with him as it may think fit. Should such member refuse or neglect to attend, after being served with a second notice in writing, theSociety shall proceed to adjudicate upon the matter in his absence.

X.

That two members be chosen as auditors on the night of election of officers, who shall examine all the books and accounts of the past year and present a balance sheet on the first meeting night after the election.

XI.

That the subscription of all honorary members shall be yearly and not less than five shillings.

XII.

That no member be entitled to vote on a question of finance unless he shall have met the Society twenty times during the previous twelve months at the churches named in rule 3.

XIII.

That any member requiring the use of the Society's property, for the advantage or benefit of the Society, must obtain the sanction of three members, independent of the officers of the Society, such borrower to be answerable for the safe return of the same.

XIV.

Any member joining the Cumberland Society will cease to belong to this company and forfeit all rights of membership.

The above rule (14) is acted upon in both companies.

The Election of Officers shall take place on the meeting night following the 5th of November in each year.

The Society's Anniversary Dinner shall take place in London the Saturday preceding the election of officers.

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DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS.

(All Eligible for Re-election.)

MASTER.

The master shall attend, if possible, every meeting and conduct the business; receive and give information respecting the Society, superintend the election of new members, give notice of peals and meetings, maintain order, see all propositions carried out, receive no fresh business after 11 o'clock, and shall give no order for the payment of money without first obtaining the Society's sanction. He shall also be authorized to hold a key of the safe, the Bank Book, the Fire Insurance Policy, and the Inventory of the Property.

SECRETARY.

The secretary shall attend, if possible, every meeting, register the names of all members present, enter the names and residences of all newly elected members; take a note of all business transacted or connected with the Society, receive all money and pay the same to the treasurer, and conduct all correspondence. He shall also be authorized to hold a key.

TREASURER.

The treasurer shall receive all moneys connected with the Society, giving an acknowledgement in a book kept for that purpose, and shall not pay any sum or sums without the direction of the master. He shall also be authorized to hold a key of the safe.

STEWARDS.

The stewards shall attend, if possible, every meeting, collect all moneys under the secretary's direction, and pay the same to him; place the property for the use of members and friends, and see the same secure before their departure. The senior steward shall also be authorized to hold a key of the safe.

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TRUSTEES.

The trustees shall (with the sanction of the Society) obtain the bank book from the master, annually, transmit same to the bank for the purpose of having the interest added thereto, see the same is correct, and return the book to the master at the next meeting.

In the absence of any officers the members present shall elect substitutes for that evening, and all business transacted by them shall be as binding as though such officers were present.

An Inventory of the Society's Property.

A fire-proof Safe by Messrs. Hobbs & Co., of the following dimensions: 26 × 20 × 19½, fitted with iron shelves, mounted on wooden stand with drawers containing certificates and rule books.

CONTENTS OF SAFE.

A folio Peal Book, "vol. 1," bound in rough calf, the corners and centres relieved with brass mountings in curious devices, containing Peals from 1724 to 1753. This is also a Register of Names from 1637 to 1871.

A large folio Peal Book "vol. 2," with brass clasps and leather cover, about 400 pages, filled with illuminated and other inscriptions of Peals, 1754 to 1867.

A handsomely bound, calf gilt, Peal Book, "vol. 3," with brass clasps and leather cover, containing illuminated and other inscriptions of Peals, 1867 to 1885.

A handsomely bound, calf gilt, Peal Book, "vol. 4," with brass clasps and leather cover, from 1885 to 1900.

A similar handsomely bound Peal Book, "vol. 5," from 1900.

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A small Book of J. Monk's, of Sherborne Lane, City, containing an account of Peals rung by him 1755 to 1792.

An old Book, the gift of Mr. G. Heath, Steward, 1758, containing an Autograph list of Members' Names.

A small duplicate Peal Book, dated 1776.

Vols. 1 and 2 Bell News, bound.

A large folio gilt Name Book, "vol. 2," with brass clasp and leather cover, containing Names of Members from 1871.

A MS copy of Holt's Original Peal of Grandsire Triples, presented by Mr. W. Harvey.

An engraved Copper Plate of Certificates.

An engraved Copper Plate of Note Paper Heading.

On the top of safe, two reading desks presented by Mr. F. E. Dawe.

A fire-proof Safe dimensions $21\frac{1}{2} \times 16 \times 17\frac{1}{2}$, on wooden stand with drawer, containing the following works on ringing. Hubbard, Sottanstall's, Banister's, two works by Wigram, Troyte, and a Guide to the Steeples of England. A diagram of a system of Peals of Union Triples by W. H. Thompson, Esq., Minute Books, Cash Books, Ink Stand, Stationery, etc., etc.

CONTENTS OF SAFE.

A folio Peal Book of the Junior Society of College Youths, containing Peals from 1820 to 1839.

A mahoghany Plate Box, containing a Silver Cup won at Sonning in 1783, also a Silver Cup presented on the Centenary, dated 1883. A richly moulded Silver Bell with Latin Inscription. A Silver Medal presented by the late Mr. G. Mash formerly the property of his father, the late Mr. James Mash. A small Mahogany Box containing Pence towards the Gift Fund, two Albums for Photographs of Members,

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in mahogany cases lined with green baize, and the Master's Hammer, turned in the shape of a bell.

An Oak Box, fitted with drawer and fittings for hand-bells and an inlaid brass plate on lid, containing 14 Hand-Bells, 18 sizes in G, by W. Dunn. A turned Spanish-mahogany Stand for Silver Bell. A pair of Brass Candlesticks for Desk. Old Minute and Cash Books, Peal Cards, &c.

A large wooden Box containing a Peal of 17 Hand Bells, 22 size, in D, by Symondson. A Peal of 12 Cup Bells. A Peal of 12 Saucer Bells. An Earthenware Vase. Two Sets of Muffles, 12 pairs in each. A Box containing Metal Counters. A blue Bag for conveying Peal Book to Writers. A carved oak Box presented by Mr. T. Hussey, Hughenden.

A deal Box containing 13 Hand Bells presented by Alfred S. Lawson, Esq., and 12 Cup Bells, left to the Society by the late Mr. E. Watts.

The following Tablets and Cards recording Peals are hung in the Society's Meeting Room.

A Card, framed and glazed, with View of Church, Peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, 5,232 changes, at St. Bride's, February 9th, 1777.

A Panel, in elaborate gilt frame, Peal of Double Bob Major at St. Dunstan's in the West, 5,184 changes, March 12th, 1778.

A Card, framed and glazed, with View of Church, a Peal of real Double Bob Maximus, 6,048 changes, at St. Saviour's, Southwark, March 26th, 1784.

A Plate, framed and glazed, Peal of Stedman Cinques, at St. Martin's in the Fields, 6,204 changes, October 6th, 1788.

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A Panel, in frame, Peal Oxford Treble Bob Major, 5,120 changes, at Kensington, January 30th, 1826.

A Plate, framed and glazed, with a View of Church, Peal of Treble Bob Maximus, 5,040 changes, at St. Bride's, February 19th, 1798.

A Plate, framed and glazed, with View of Church, Peal of Treble Bob Royal, 6,000 changes, at Greenwich, May 14th, 1795.

A Plate, framed and glazed, Stedman Cinques, 5,016 changes, at St. Bride's, February 26th, 1850.

A Plate, framed and glazed, Peal of Stedman Triples, 5,040 changes, at Whitechapel, March 16th, 1824.

A coloured Certificate, framed and glazed, Peal of Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes, at Kensington, August 8th, 1824.

A Panel recording Peal Oxford Treble Bob Major, 5,280 changes, at Newington, October 1st, 1840.

A Panel, framed and glazed, 6,000 Kent Treble Bob Royal, May 10th, 1850, at St. James's, Bermondsey.

A Plate, framed and glazed, Holt's Ten-part Peal, 5,040 changes, non-conducted, at Christ Church, Spitalfields, January 31st, 1851.

A Peal Board from St. Dionis, Fenchurch Street, Peal of Stedman Caters, 5,079 changes, Nov. 22nd, 1852.

A Plate, framed and glazed, Peal of Stedman Caters, 5,086 changes on Hand Bells, at Spitalfields, June 15th, 1851.

An Illuminated Card, in oak frame, glazed, 8,580, Stedman Cinques, at St. Michael's Cornhill, April 27th, 1861.

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An Illuminated Writing in oak frame, glazed, 15,840, Kent Treble Bob Major, at Bethnal Green, April 27th, 1868.

A Photogreph, in oak frame, glazed, of the Peal Board in the Tower at Dundee. Peal of Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes, May 21st, 1873.

A Card, framed and glazed, Peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 5,088 changes, at St. Saviour's, Southwark, January 20th, 1860.

A Card, framed and glazed, with Photographs of Ringers inlaid, Peal of Grandsire Caters, 5,021 changes, at Beddington, May 7th, 1881.

An Illuminated Card, framed and glazed, recording the first Peal rung at St. Paul's Cathedral, 5,014 changes, Stedman Cinques, December 10th, 1881.

A Card, in Oxford frame, glazed, Hand-Bell Peal (Holt's Ten-part), rung at the Meeting House, October 5th, 1881.

A Card, framed and glazed, with View of Church, Peal of Grandsire Royal, 5,120 changes, at St. James's, Bermondsey, April 25th, 1857.

An Illuminated Card, in oak frame, glazed, Peal of Stedman Cinques, 5,000 changes, at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 11th November, 1882.

An Illuminated Card, mounted in glazed mahogany frame, Peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 5,040 changes, St. Saviour's, Southwark, April 29th, 1884.

A Card, framed and glazed, with Photograph of Performers in three Hand-Bell Peals, by the York Minster Company.

A Portrait, in maple frame, of Sir Bartle Frere.

An old Engraving, in maple frame, glazed, The Ladye Chapel, St. Saviour's, Southwark.

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A View of the Tower and Spire in Quex Park, in gilt frame, glazed.

A Panel, in frame, Muffled Peal of Grandsire Triples, St. George's, Southwark, December 5th, 1884, since placed in the ringing room of this Church.

A Certificate, framed and glazed.

A Likeness, framed and glazed, of the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, of Clyst St. George, Devon.

A Photograph recording Peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 5,136 changes, rung at Ipswich, on November 26th, 1883.

A Print, framed, of Snowdon Memorial Window, at Ilkley.

A framed Photograph of a Marble Tablet in St. Alphege's, Greenwich, recording a Peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung on June 22nd, 1897, to commemorate the 60th year of the reign of Queen Victoria, presented by Mr. H. Hoskins.

The following have kindly been presented by Mr. J. R. Haworth :—

A Certificate recording Mr. J. R. Haworth's Jubilee as a Member.

A Tablet recording touch of Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's in honour of this event.

A framed ornamental Card, with Photograph, recording a touch of 582 Stedman Cinques, rung on August 13th, 1889, at St. Saviour's, Southwark, in honour of the above event.

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A Card, framed, recording a Peal of 5,280 changes of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, rung at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on June 14th, 1873.

A Photograph, framed, of the band who rang the Peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's, Dundee, May 21st, 1873, on the occasion of the opening of the bells.

A Photograph, framed, recording Peal of Grandsire Triples at Waterford Cathedral, on July 27th, 1872, when the bells were opened.

Mr. Haworth's Membership Card, framed, of the Dundee Society of Bell-ringers.

The late Mr. G. Mash kindly presented a Copy Peal-book, now in the hands of Mr. G. T. McLaughlin (Rule VII).

A Photograph, framed, of the late Mr. G. Mash, kindly presented by his son, Mr. G. Mash.

There is also a Box, containing thirteen Hand-Bells, now at the *Mitre*, Fish Street Hill, which were formerly at the *Goose and Gridiron*, St. Paul's Churchyard, under the care of the landlord, for the use of Members who meet there.

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